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## ARABIA.

Proclamation of the Sherif of Mecca, June 27, 1916.

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

This is our general circular to all our brother Moslems.

("O Lord, do thou judge between us and our nation with truth; for Thou art the best Judge.")

It is well known that of all the Moslem rulers and emirs, the emirs of Mecca, the favored city, were the first to recognize the Turkish Government. This they did in order to unite Moslem opinion and firmly establish their community, knowing that the great Ottoman Sultans ( may the dust of their tombs be blessed and may paradise be their abode) were acting in accordance with the Book of God and the Sunna of his Prophet (prayers be unto him) and were zealous to enforce the ordinances of both these authorities. With this noble end in view, the emirs before mentioned observe those ordinances unceasingly. I myself, protecting the honor of the State, caused Arabs to rise against their fellow Arabs in the year 1327 in order to raise the siege of Abha, and in the following year a similar movement was carried out under the leadership of one of my sons, as is well known. The emirs continued to support the Ottoman State until the Society of Union and Progress appeared in the State and proceeded to take over the